at the grassroot level for dispute resolution through mediation, conciliation and compromise, which can be institutionalized with community involvement. Consultation with State Governments would be undertaken by the Ministry after the Drafting Committee completes its work. The Drafting Committee itself would be consulting with interested parties in the couse of its work.

Opening of Indo-Pak Border in Ferozepur

*392. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open Indo-Pak border at Hussainiwala in Ferozepur district of Punjab;

(b) if so, whether any negotiations are going on with Pakistan; and

(c) the status of the talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) There is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

New Spectrum Policy

*393. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for annoucning new spectrum allocation policy for GSM and CDMA telecom operators without waiting for the recommendations of Group of Ministers (GoM);

(b) whether PMO and GoM have endorsed the policy announced by DoT;

(c) if not, whether DoT would retract or keep on hold the announcement until the GoM formulates a comprehensive spectrum policy; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) The new spectrum policy has not yet been announced. Neverthess, the Orders issued on 29th March, 2006, prescribe only the eligibility criteria